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International Trade Administration

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Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Expedited Third Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: As a result of this sunset review, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order on non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings (NMPF) from the People's Republic of China (China) would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the level identified in the "Final Results of Review" section of this notice.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF SIGNATURE IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On April 7, 2003, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) published the notice of the antidumping duty order on NMPF from China.¹ On February 5, 2019, Commerce published the initiation of the third sunset review of the *Order*, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of

¹ See *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, 68 FR 16765 (April 7, 2003) (*Order*).

1930, as amended (the Act).² On February 20, 2019, Commerce received a notice of intent to participate in this review from Anvil International, LLC and Ward Manufacturing LLC (collectively, the petitioners), a domestic interested party, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(1)(i).³ The petitioners claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act as U.S. manufacturers or producers of a domestic like product. On March 7, 2019, Commerce received a complete and adequate substantive response from the petitioners within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i).⁴ Commerce received no substantive responses from respondent interested parties. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce conducted an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the *Order*.

SCOPE OF THE ORDER:

The products covered by the *Order* are finished and unfinished non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings with an inside diameter ranging from ¼ inch to 6 inches, whether threaded or unthreaded, regardless of industry or proprietary specifications. The subject fittings include elbows, ells, tees, crosses, and reducers as well as flanged fittings. These pipe fittings are also known as “cast iron pipe fittings” or “gray iron pipe fittings.” These cast iron pipe fittings are normally produced to ASTM A-126 and ASME B.16.4 specifications and are threaded to ASME B1.20.1 specifications. Most building codes require that these products are Underwriters Laboratories (UL) certified. The scope does not include cast iron soil pipe fittings or grooved fittings or grooved couplings.

² See *Initiation of Five-Year (Sunset) Reviews*, 84 FR 1705 (February 5, 2019).

³ See Letter from the Petitioners, “Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China,” dated February 5, 2019.

⁴ See Letter from the Petitioners, “Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People’s Republic of China, Third Review: Substantive Response to Notice of Initiation,” dated March 7, 2019.

Fittings that are made out of ductile iron that have the same physical characteristics as the gray or cast iron fittings subject to the scope above or which have the same physical characteristics and are produced to ASME B.16.3, ASME B.16.4, or ASTM A-395 specifications, threaded to ASME B1.20.1 specifications and UL certified, regardless of metallurgical differences between gray and ductile iron, are also included in the scope of the *Order*. These ductile fittings do not include grooved fittings or grooved couplings. Ductile cast iron fittings with mechanical joint ends (MJ), or push on ends (PO), or flanged ends and produced to American Water Works Association (AWWA) specifications AWWA C110 or AWWA C153 are not included.

Imports of covered merchandise are classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under item numbers 7307.11.00.30, 7307.11.00.60, 7307.19.30.60 and 7307.19.30.85. HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of the *Order* is dispositive.⁵

ANALYSIS OF COMMENTS RECEIVED:

A complete discussion of all issues raised in this review, including the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping in the event of revocation of the *Order* and the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail if the *Order* was revoked, is provided in the accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum, which is hereby adopted by this notice.⁶ A list of the topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as an Appendix. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic

⁵ See *Order*.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Third Sunset Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <http://access.trade.gov> and to all parties in the Central Records Unit, room B8024 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/>. The signed Issues and Decision Memorandum and the electronic version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

FINAL RESULTS OF SUNSET REVIEWS:

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the *Order* would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail would be weighted-average margins up to 75.50 percent.

NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES:

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order, is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing these results and notice in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.218, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).

Dated: June 5, 2019.

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Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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